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SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL FROM UGANDA

1. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, AT PRESS BRIEFING FRIDAY, ASKED FOR SITREP UGANDA, RESPONDED:

2. WELL, OUR SITUATION IN UGANDA IS, AS THE PRESS REPORTS FROM THERE POINT OUT, HE (GENERAL AMIN) HAS WARNED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO PUT ALL OF THE SOME TWO HUNDRED AMERICANS, MOSTLY MISSIONARIES, UNDER STRICT SURVEILLANCE. NOW, IN UNCLASSIFIED

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CONNECTION WITH OUR PREVIOUS DECISION TO WITHDRAW DIPLOMA-

TIC AND CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES FROM UGANDA, WE TOOK STEPS OUT THERE TO NOTIFY ALL AMERICANS IN UGANDA, IN ADVANCE OF OUR ACTION, AND URGED THEM TO DEPART AS WELL. NOW, SOME HAVE INDICATED THEY PLAN TO DO SO....

I JUST WANT TO MAKE CLEAR BECAUSE YOU HAVE RAISED THE QUESTION OF SURVEILLANCE AND HOW WE DEAL WITH OUR CITIZENS OVERSEAS. AND I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THIS IS COVERED, BECAUSE AS WELL AS FOREWARNING THEM, WE WERE TOLD, ON OCTOBER 29, BY THE UGANDAN FOREIGN MINISTER, SPEAKING TO OUR CHARGE IN KAMPALA, THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA WOULD MEET ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS THE PROTECTION OF OUR CITIZENS IN UGANDA, AND WE TRUST THAT THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT WILL ADHERE TO THOSE ASSURANCES NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. NOW, YOU ASKED EARLIER ABOUT OUR REPRESENTATION

THERE FOR THE FUTURE. FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE OF OUR OWN REPRESENTATIVES TOMORROW, THE EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WILL ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR INTERESTS IN UGANDA, AND THAT INCLUDES THE SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS THERE.

3. DURING Q. & A., SPOKESMAN SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION THAT UGANDA WAS WITHDRAWING EMBASSY PERSONNEL WASHINGTON; THAT HE HAD SEEN NOTHING THAT WOULD INDICATE CHANGE IN KEELEY'S DEPARTURE SCHEDULE; AND THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO EVACUATE AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO FOR VARIOUS REASONS UNABLE TO LEAVE UGANDA ON THEIR OWN. RUSH

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